IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Andreas BERGMANN Group Art Unit 1641

Serial No.: 10/551,298 Examiner: Christine E. Foster

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For: DETERMINATION OF A MIDREGIONAL PROADRENOMEDULLIN

PARTIAL PEPTIDE IN BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS FOR DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES, AND IMMUNOASSAYS FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH

A DETERMINATION

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 15, 2008, Applicants submit the following.

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